**Jazz Age**



Aaron Copeland

Aaron Copland was born on November 14, 1900, in Brooklyn, New York, going on to study piano and composition and studying in Europe for some time. He became one of the century’s foremost composers with highly influential music that had a distinctive bland of classical, folk and jazz idioms. Some of Copland’s most prominent pieces included *Fanfare for the Common Man*, *El Salon Mexico* and *Appalachian Spring*, for which he won the Pulitzer. An Oscar-winning writer of film scores as well, Copland died on December 2, 1990.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NjssV8UuVA>

George Gershwin 

George Gershwin was one of the most significant American composers of the 20th century, known for popular stage and screen numbers as well as classical compositions.

**Synopsis**

Born on September 26, 1898, in Brooklyn, New York, George Gershwin dropped out of school and began playing piano professionally at age 15. Within a few years, he was one of the most sought after musicians in America. A composer of jazz, opera and popular songs for stage and screen, many of his works are now standards. Gershwin died immediately following brain surgery on July 11, 1937, at the age 38.

Rhapsody in Blue is a musical composition by George Gershwin for solo piano and jazz band written in 1924, which combines elements of classical music with jazz-influence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFHdRkeEnpM>

F. Scott Fitzgerald

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| *. F. Scott Fitzgerald was one of the most famous authors of the Jazz Age,*  *best known for his novel "The Great Gatsby."* |

**Synopsis**

With its beautiful lyricism, pitch-perfect portrayal of the **Jazz Age**, and searching critiques of materialism, love and the American Dream, The Great Gatsby is considered Fitzgerald's finest work. Although the book was well-received when it was published, it was not until the 1950s and '60s, long after Fitzgerald's death, that it achieved its stature as the definitive portrait of the "Roaring Twenties," as well as one of the greatest American novels ever written.

<http://www.biography.com/people/f-scott-fitzgerald-9296261>

Georgia O’Keefe

**Synopsis**

*Georgia O'Keeffe - Mini Biography (TV-14; 03:42) A pioneer of Modern Art, Georgia O'Keeffe created large-scale paintings of natural forms and flowers at close range. She began to spend much of her time in New Mexico and created imagery synonymous with the American Southwest.*

Georgia O'Keeffe was born on November 15, 1887, in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. Photographer Alfred Stieglitz gave O'Keefe her first gallery show in 1916 and the couple married in 1924. O'Keeffe moved to New Mexico after her husband's death and was inspired by the landscape to create numerous well-known paintings. Georgia O'Keeffe died on March 6, 1986.

<http://www.biography.com/people/georgia-okeeffe-9427684>